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7
1941...
230 MILES
FROM
PEARL
HARBOR...

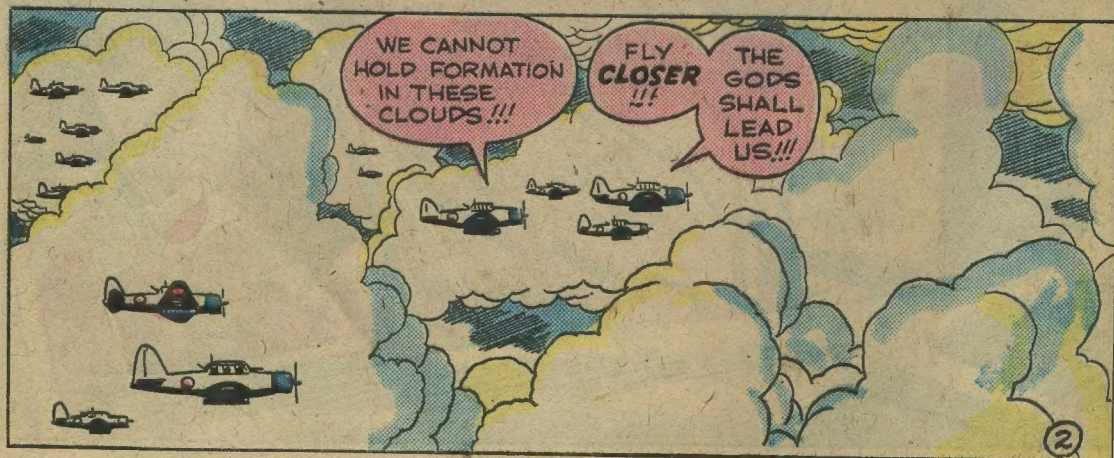
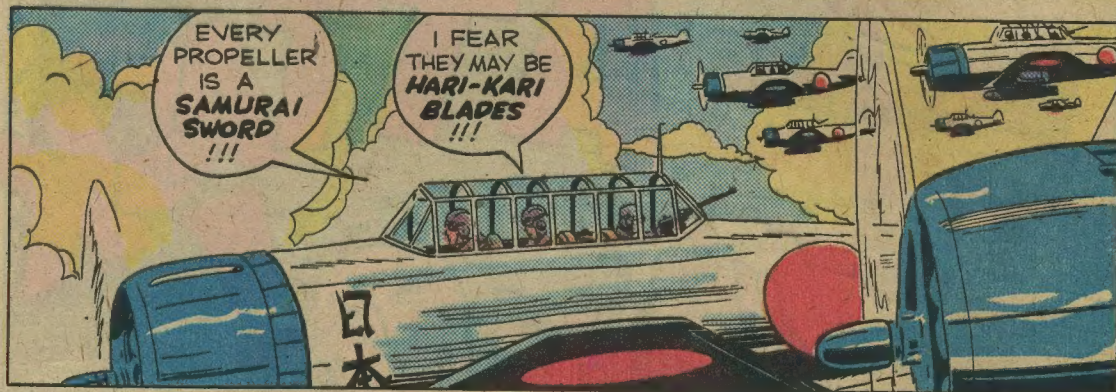
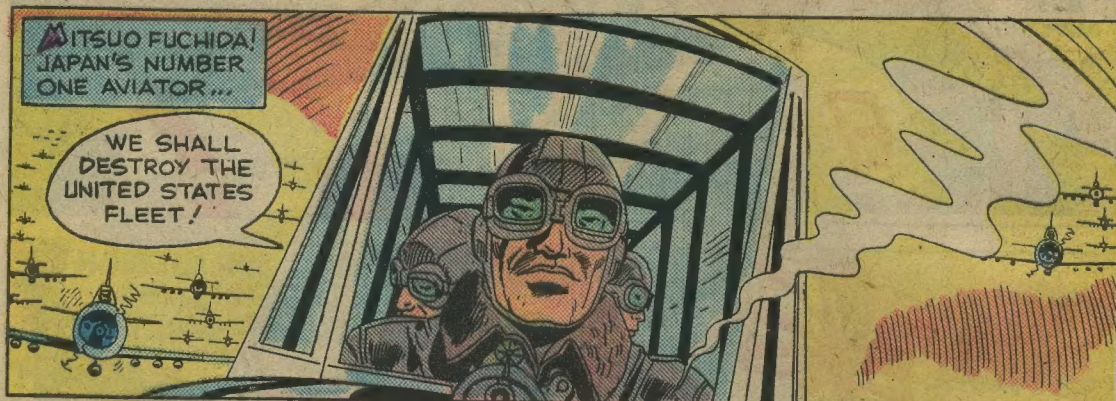
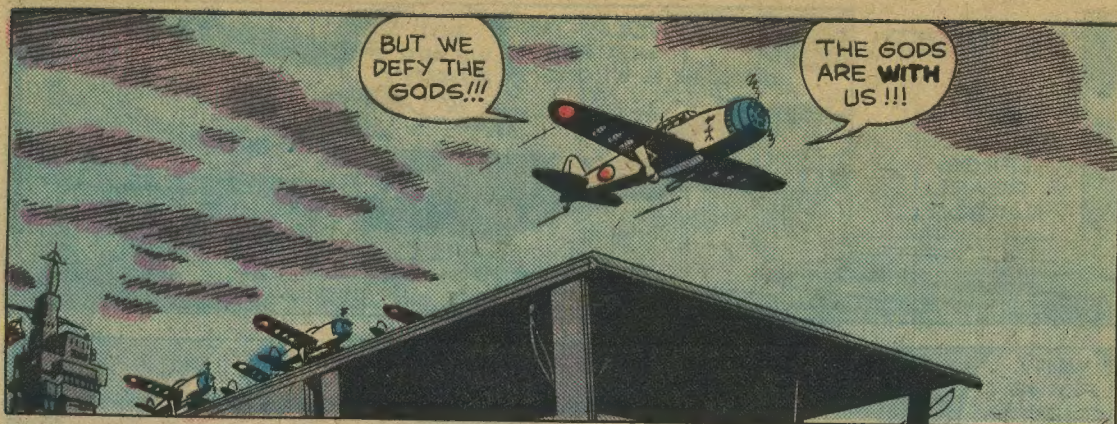
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WEATHER
IS WRONG
!!!

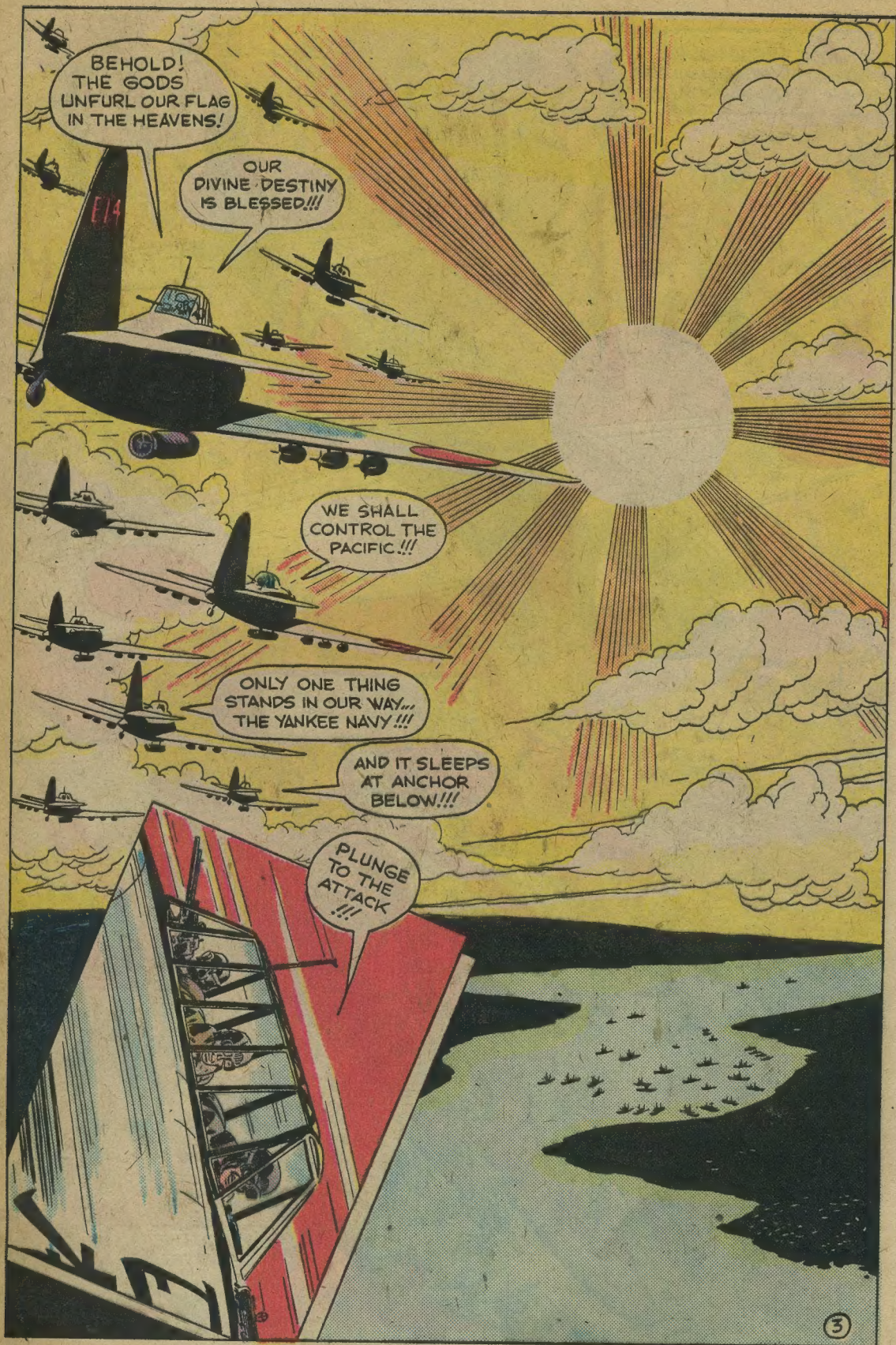
BUT
WE ARE
RIGHT
!!!

WAIT!
FLYING
CONDITIONS
MUST
IMPROVE!

IF WE DELAY,
WE WILL BE
DISCOVERED
!!!







BEHOLD!
THE GODS
UNFURL OUR FLAG
IN THE HEAVENS!

OUR
DIVINE DESTINY
IS BLESSED!!!

WE SHALL
CONTROL THE
PACIFIC!!!

ONLY ONE THING
STANDS IN OUR WAY...
THE YANKEE NAVY!!!

AND IT SLEEPS
AT ANCHOR
BELOW!!!

PLUNGE
TO THE
ATTACK
!!!

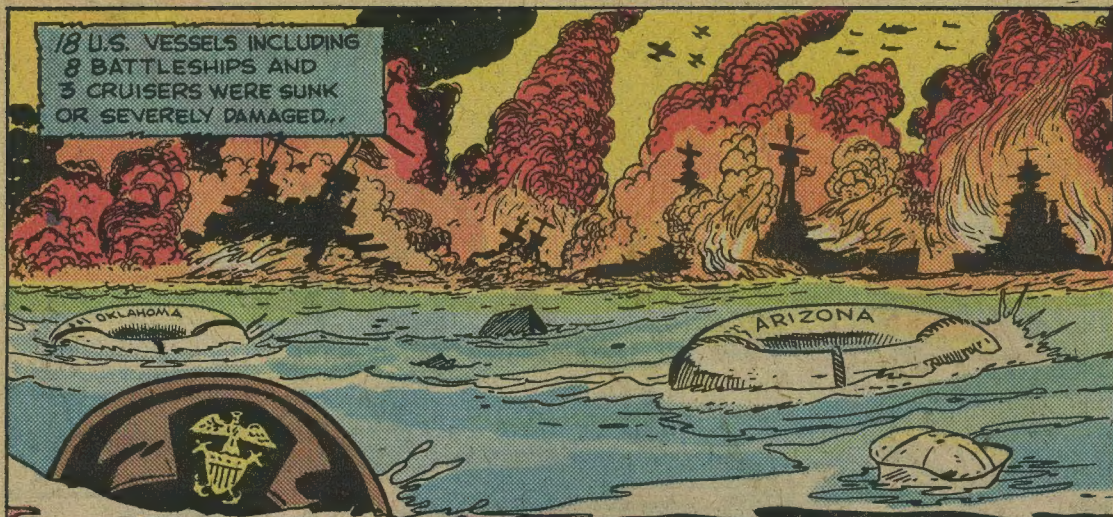
**FOR THREE HOURS
MITSUO FUCHIDA REMAINED
OVER PEARL HARBOR!!!**



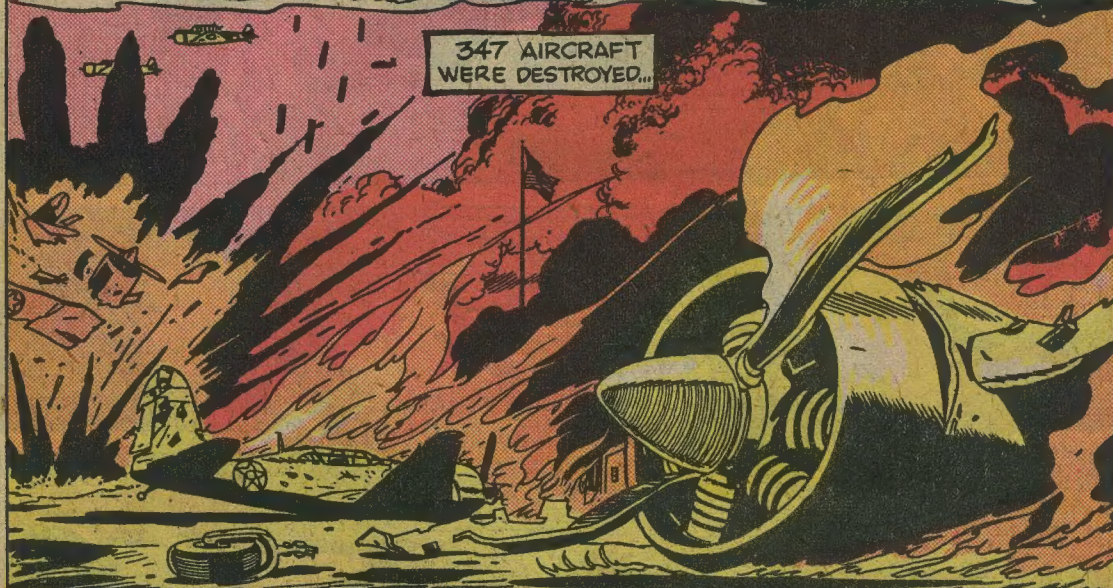
**WE DIRECTED 360
JAPANESE PLANES!!!**

**ON THE
DEVASTATING
SNEAK ATTACK!!!**

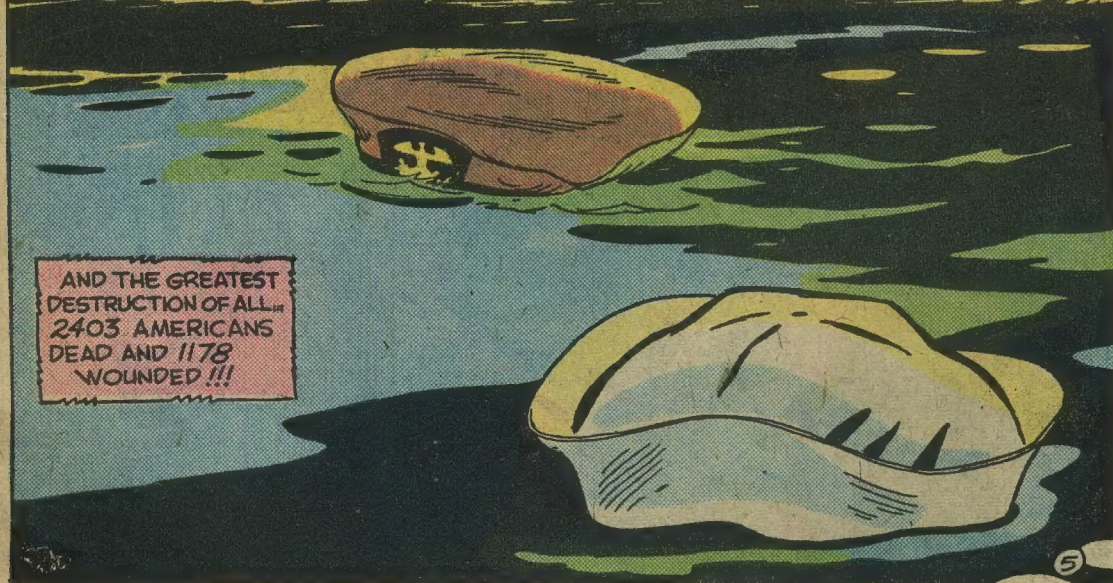
18 U.S. VESSELS INCLUDING
8 BATTLESHIPS AND
3 CRUISERS WERE SUNK
OR SEVERELY DAMAGED...

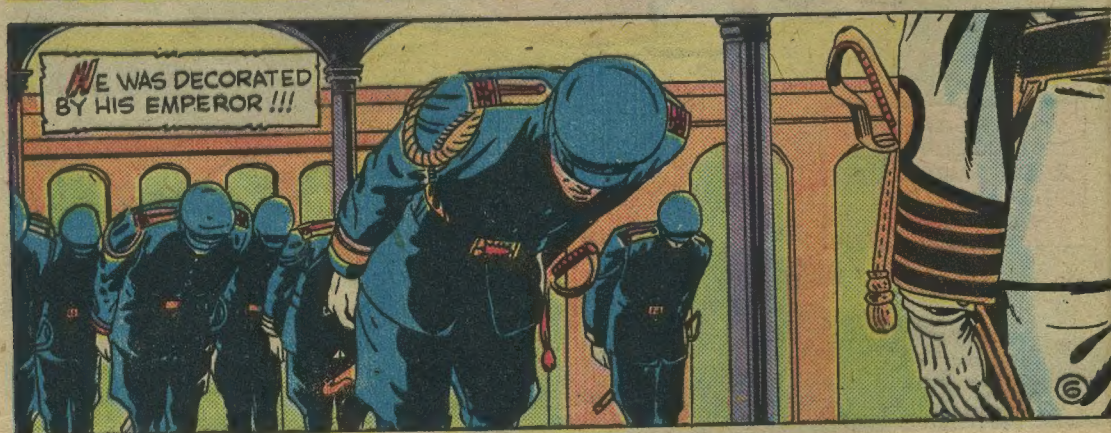
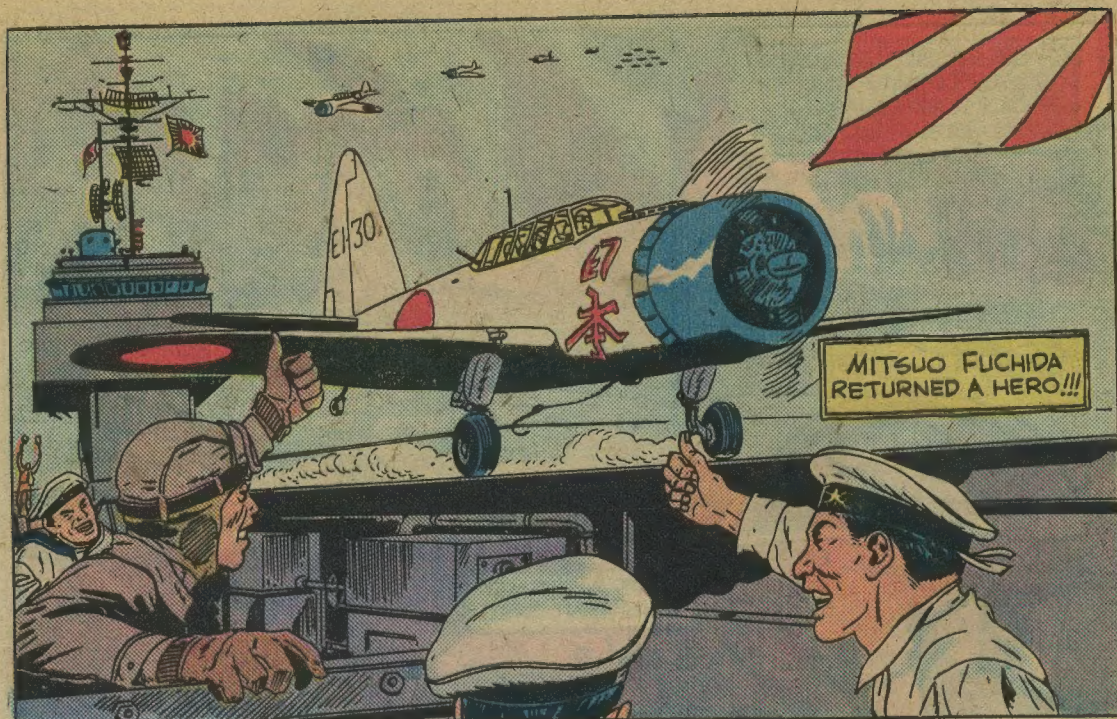


347 AIRCRAFT
WERE DESTROYED...



AND THE GREATEST
DESTRUCTION OF ALL...
2403 AMERICANS
DEAD AND 1178
WOUNDED !!!

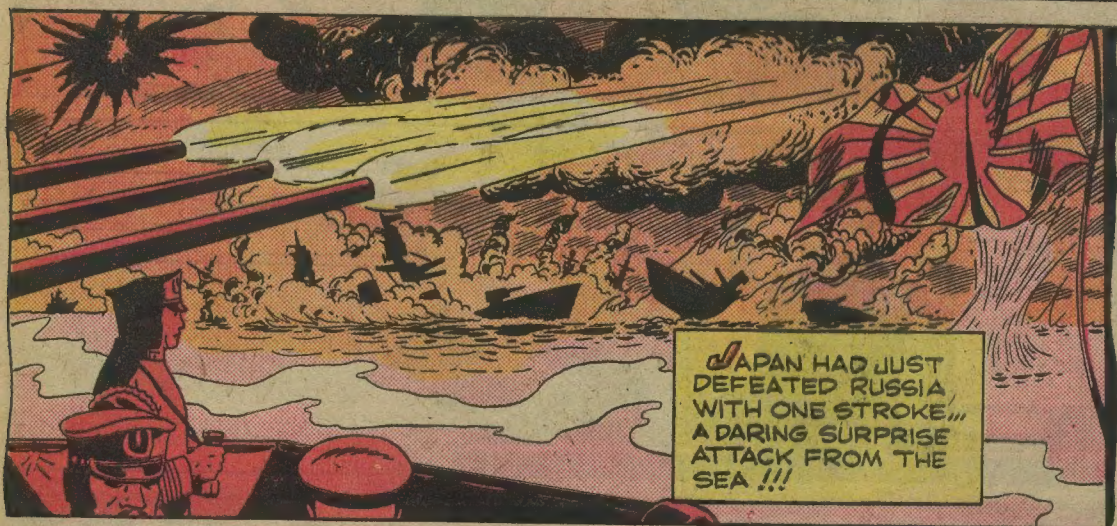




TRULY A DREAM
HAD COME TRUE
FOR MITSUO AND
ALL JAPAN...



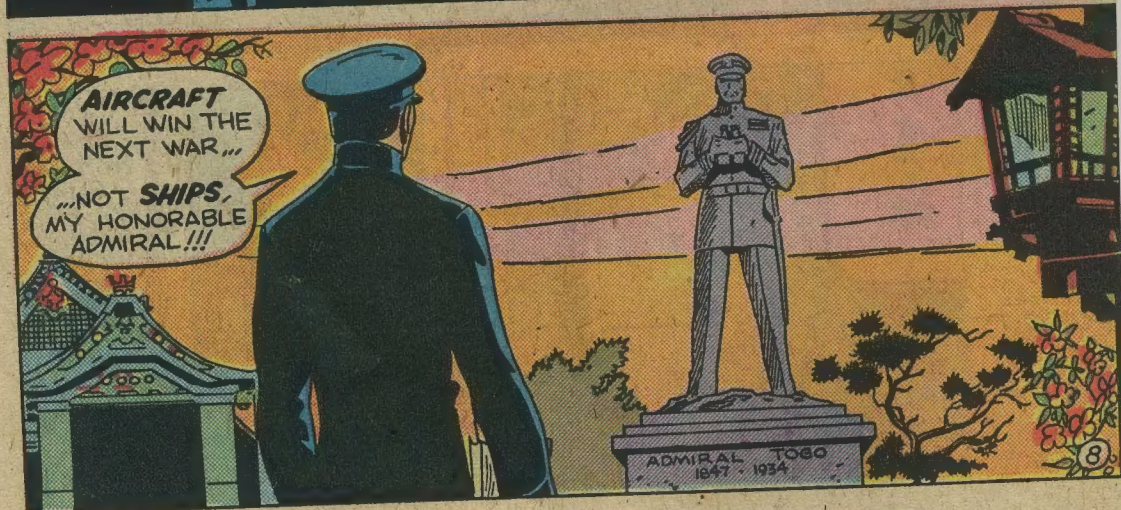
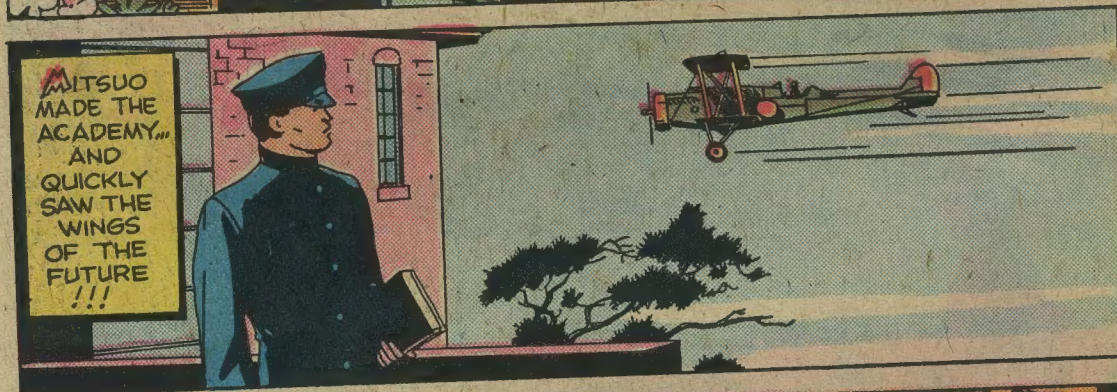
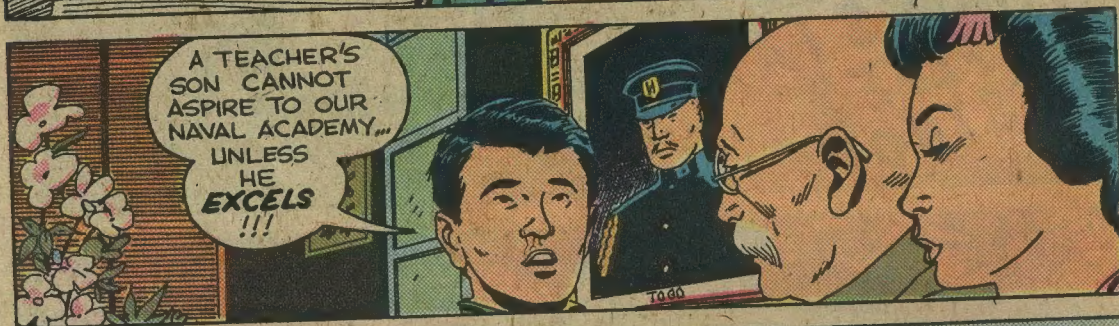
MITSUO REMEMBERS A
GREAT NATIONAL EXCITE-
MENT WHEN HE WAS ONLY
THREE YEARS OLD...



MITSUO
READ ALL
HE COULD
FIND ABOUT
THE HERO
OF THAT
SEA
ACTION...
ADMIRAL
TOGO
!!!



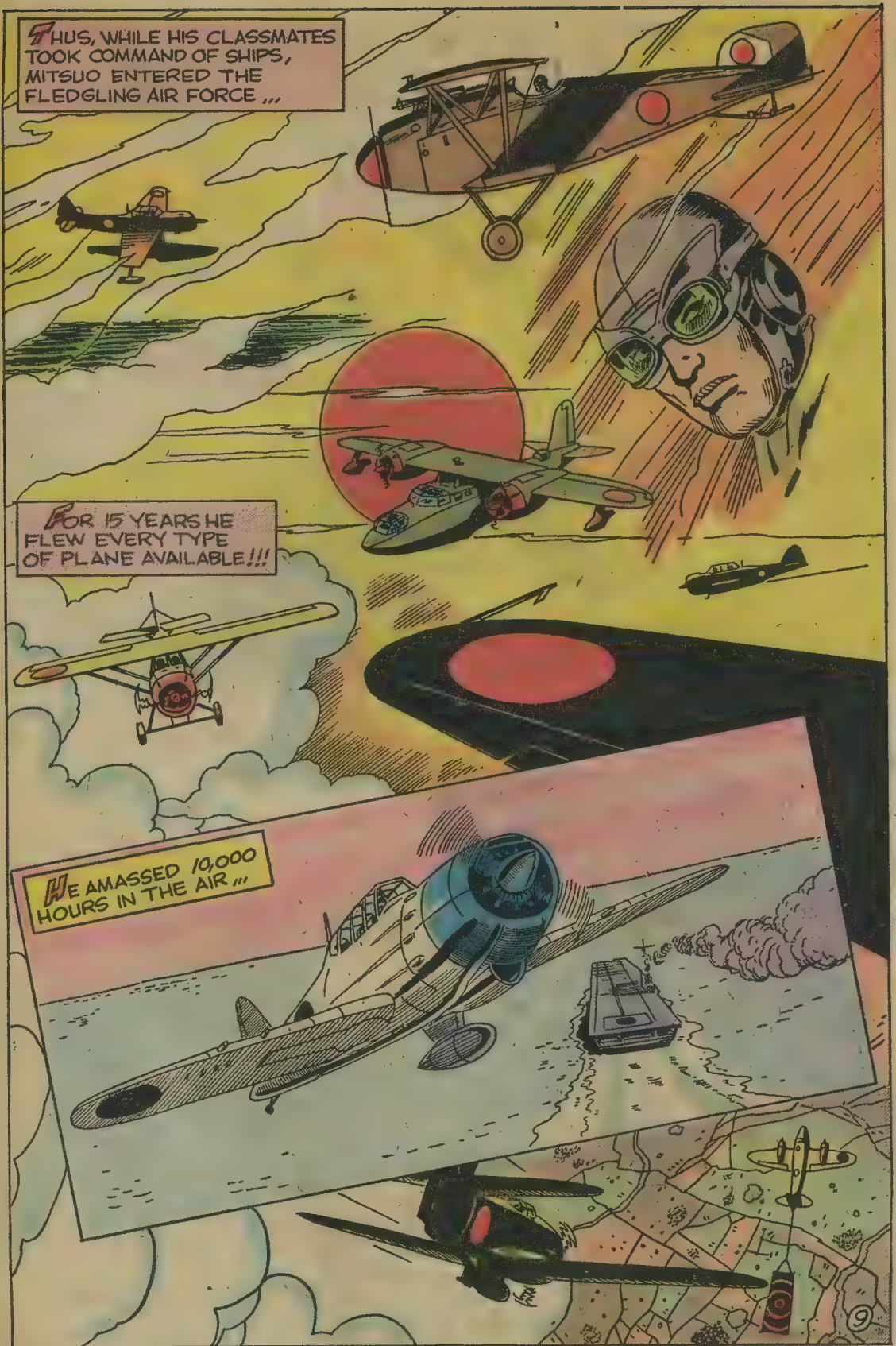
AND
MITSUO'S
FUTURE
WAS SET...
HE
WOULD
BECOME
ANOTHER
ADMIRAL
TOGO
FOR HIS
BELOVED
COUNTRY
!!!



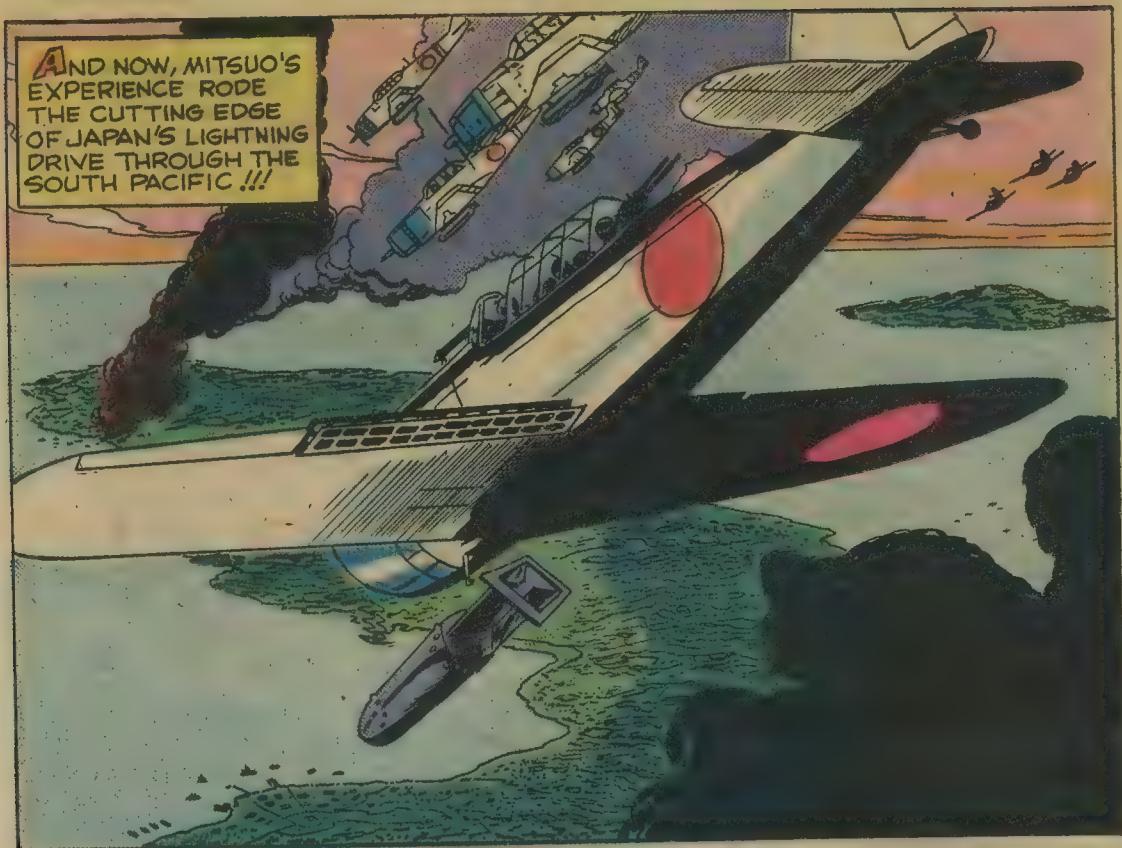
THUS, WHILE HIS CLASSMATES
TOOK COMMAND OF SHIPS,
MITSUO ENTERED THE
FLEDGLING AIR FORCE ...

FOR 15 YEARS HE
FLEW EVERY TYPE
OF PLANE AVAILABLE!!!

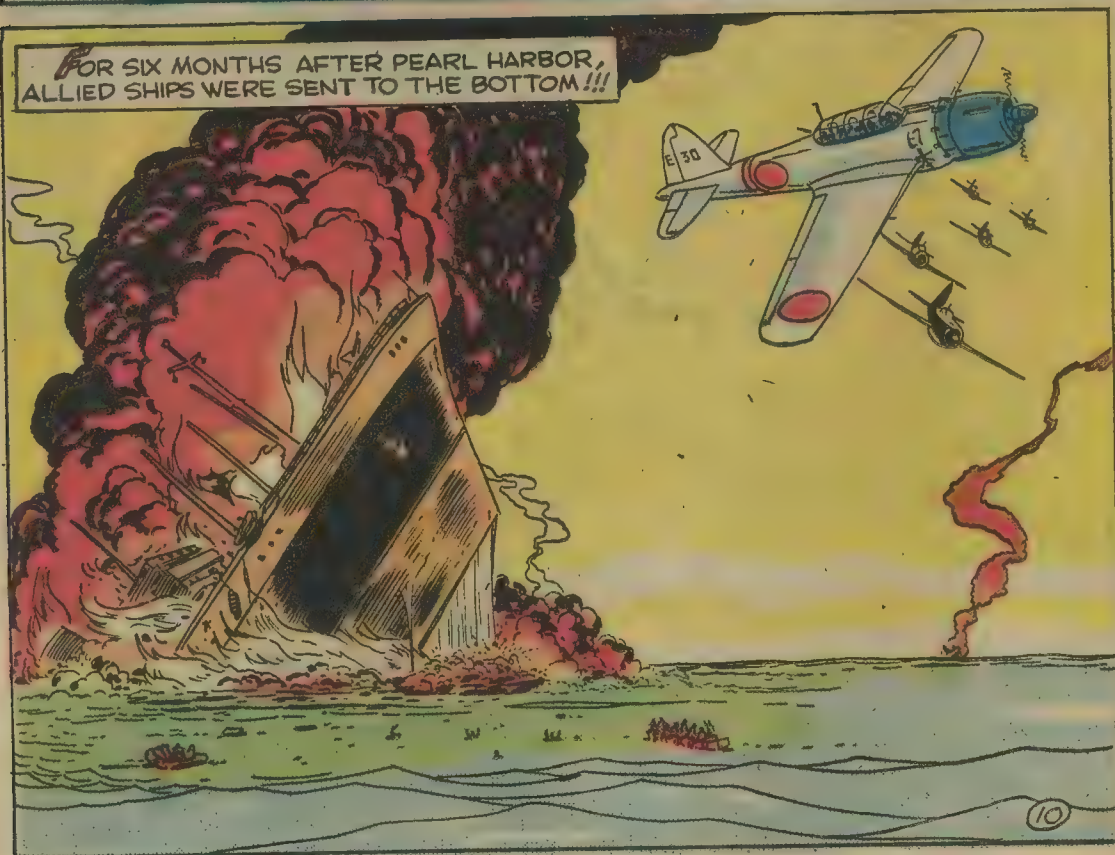
WE AMASSED 10,000
HOURS IN THE AIR ...



AND NOW, MITSUO'S
EXPERIENCE RODE
THE CUTTING EDGE
OF JAPAN'S LIGHTNING
DRIVE THROUGH THE
SOUTH PACIFIC !!!



FOR SIX MONTHS AFTER PEARL HARBOR,
ALLIED SHIPS WERE SENT TO THE BOTTOM !!!



ONE AFTER ANOTHER,
WESTERN OUTPOSTS FELL...

GUAM...

WAKE ISLAND...

HONG
KONG...

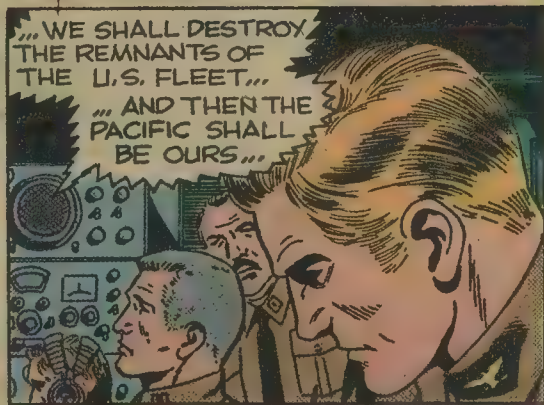
MALAYA...

THE
PHILIPPINES...

THE
SOLOMON
ISLANDS...

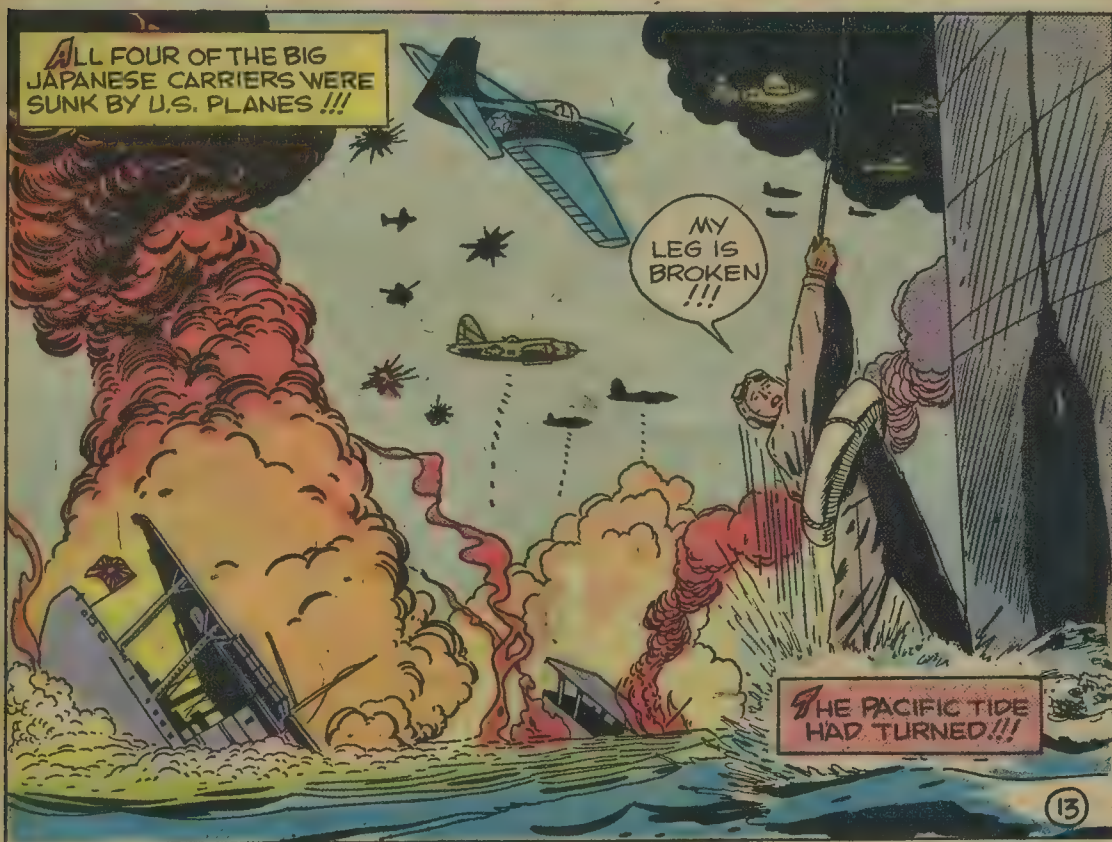
JAVA...







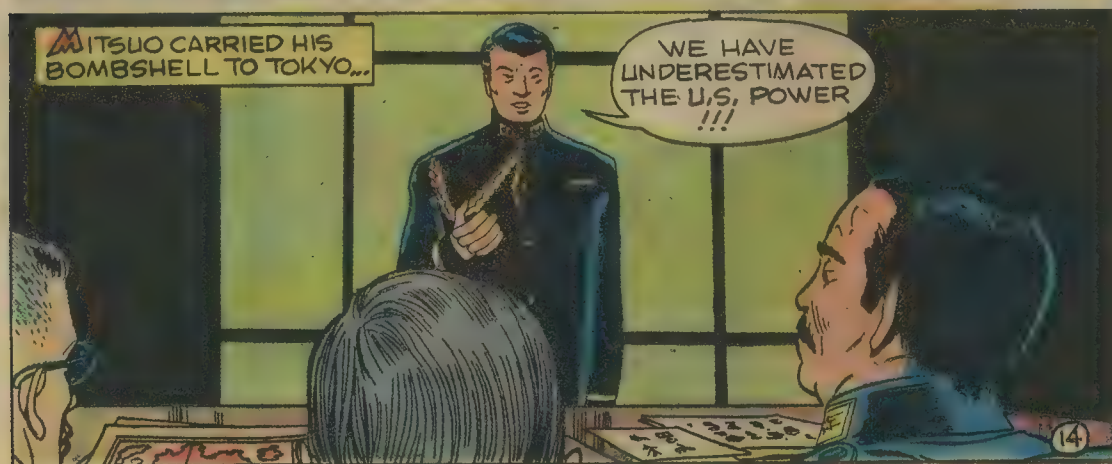
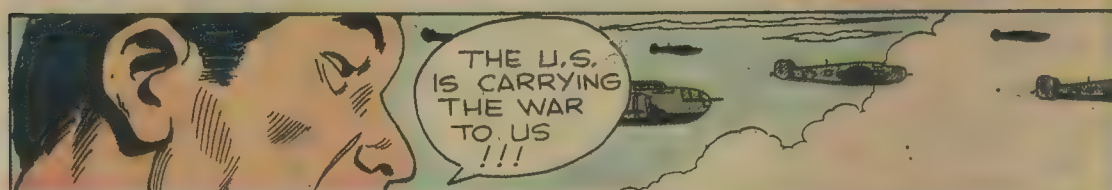
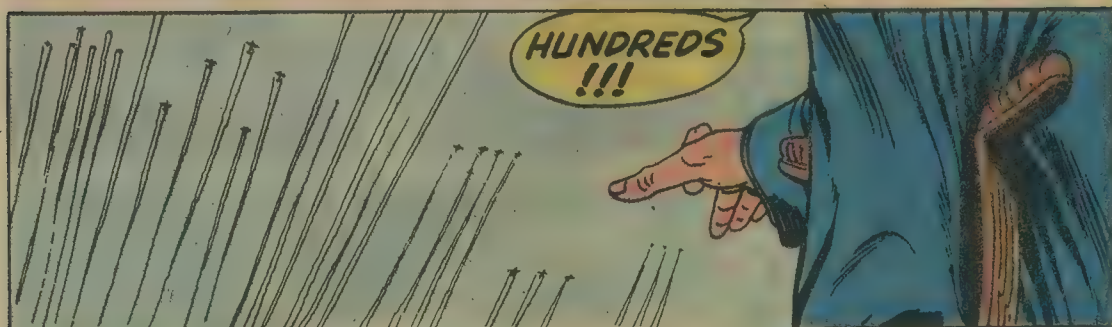
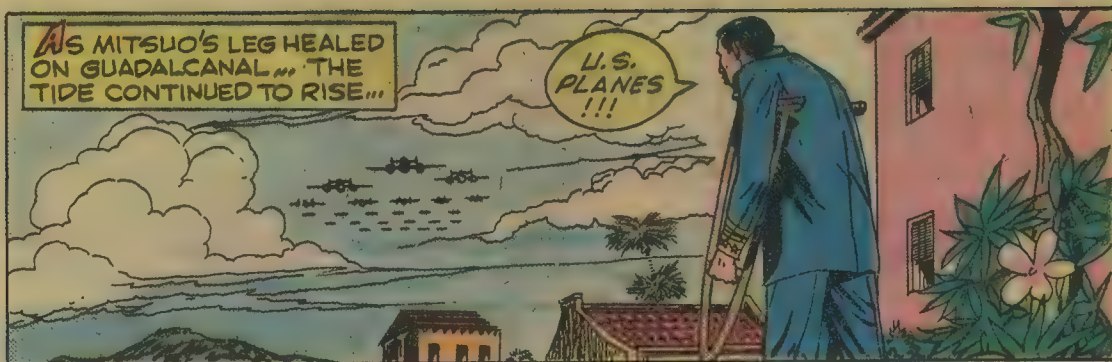
HOW
DID THEY
FIND US
???

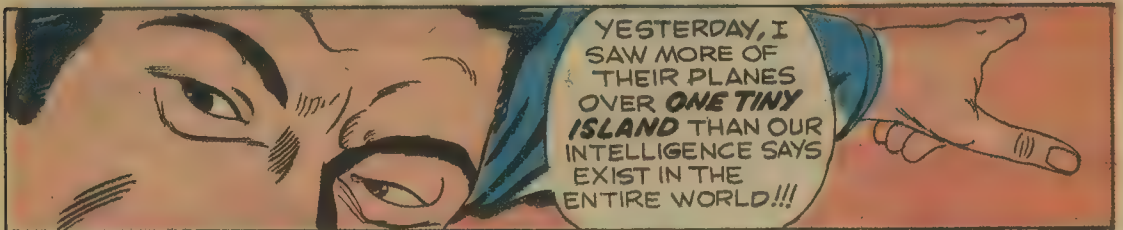


**ALL FOUR OF THE BIG
JAPANESE CARRIERS WERE
SUNK BY U.S. PLANES !!!**

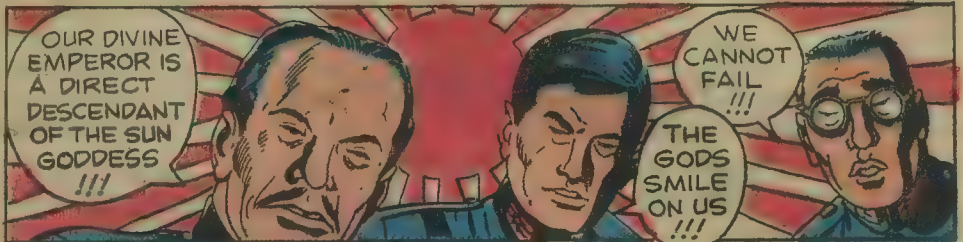
MY
LEG IS
BROKEN
!!!

**THE PACIFIC TIDE
HAD TURNED !!!**



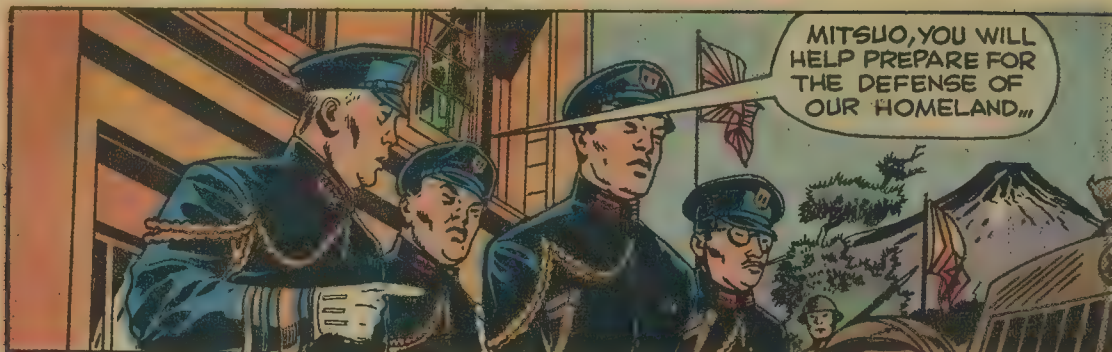


THE JAPANESE MIND COULDN'T ACCEPT THE POSSIBILITY OF DEFEAT !!!

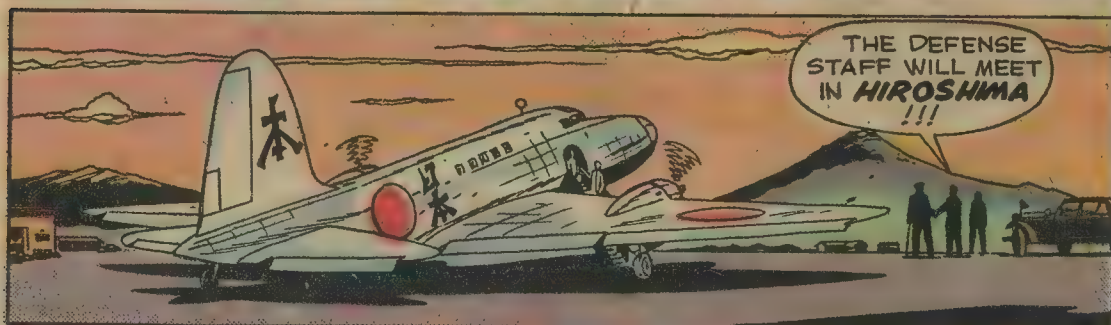


BUT LATER... REALITY TOOK OVER...





MITSUO, YOU WILL
HELP PREPARE FOR
THE DEFENSE OF
OUR HOMELAND!!!



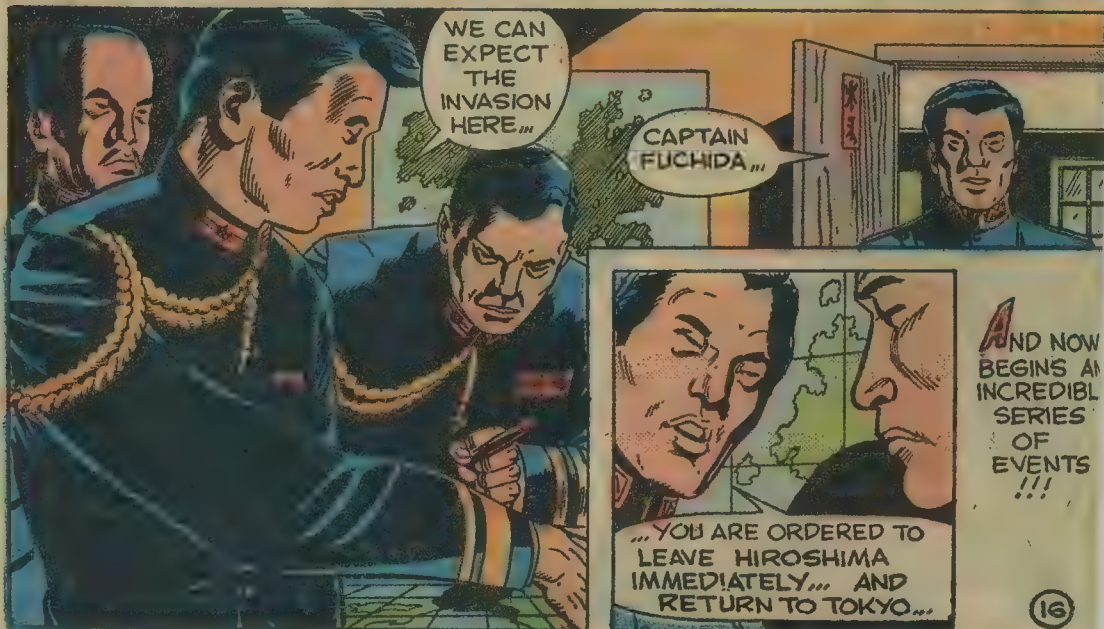
THE DEFENSE
STAFF WILL MEET
IN **HIROSHIMA**
!!!



LATER... IN
HIROSHIMA...

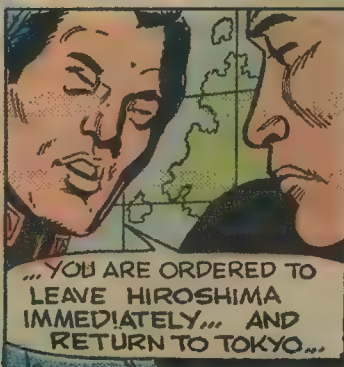
IF THE U.S.
INVADES JAPAN
IT WILL COST **FIVE**
MILLION LIVES...

FOUR
MILLION
WILL BE
OURS!!!



WE CAN
EXPECT
THE
INVASION
HERE...

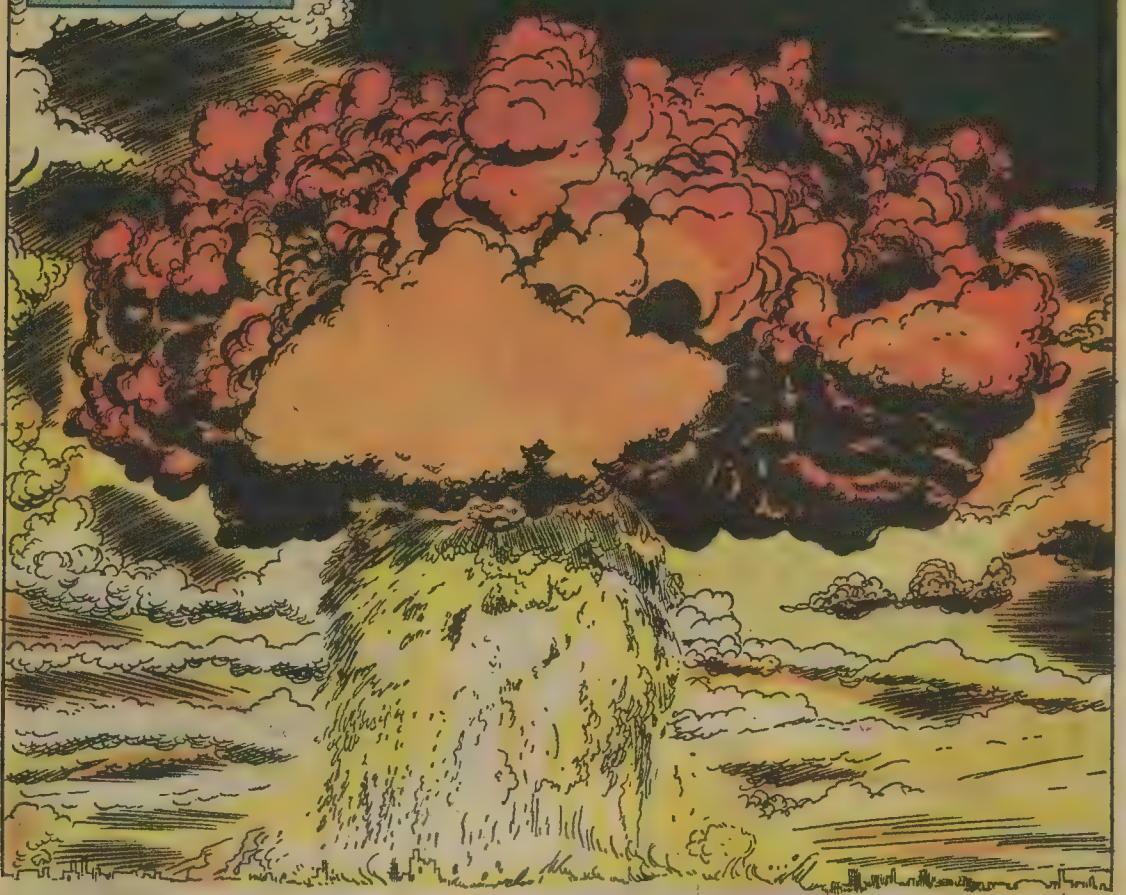
CAPTAIN
FUCHIDA...



... YOU ARE ORDERED TO
LEAVE HIROSHIMA
IMMEDIATELY... AND
RETURN TO TOKYO...

AND NOW
BEGINS AN
INCREDIBLE
SERIES
OF
EVENTS
!!!

THE NEXT MORNING
IN HIROSHIMA...

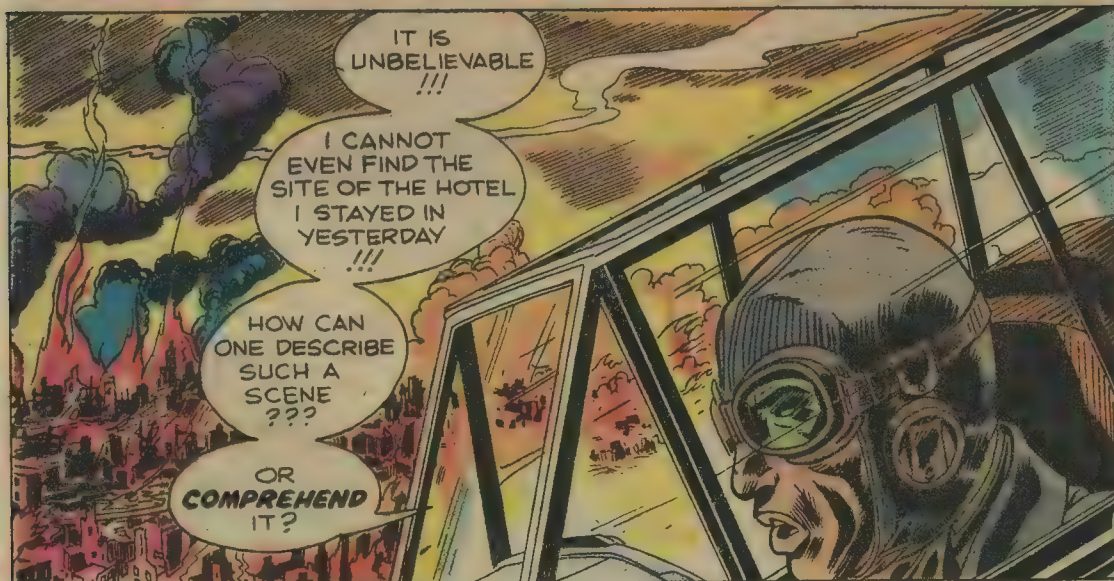
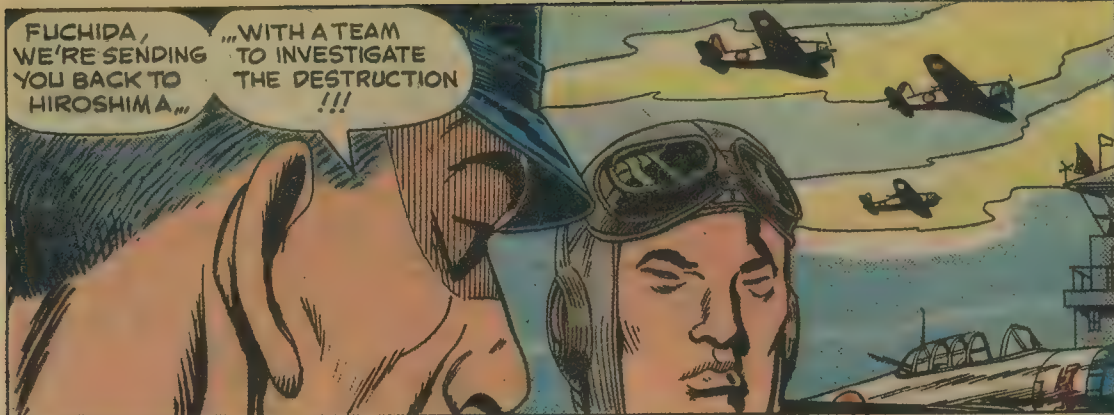


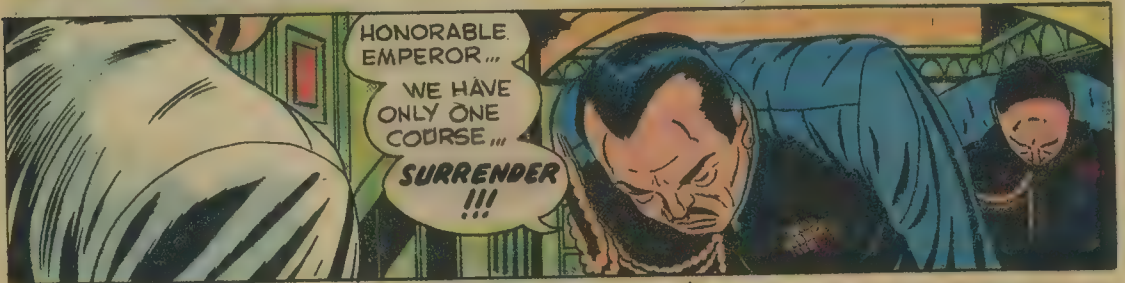
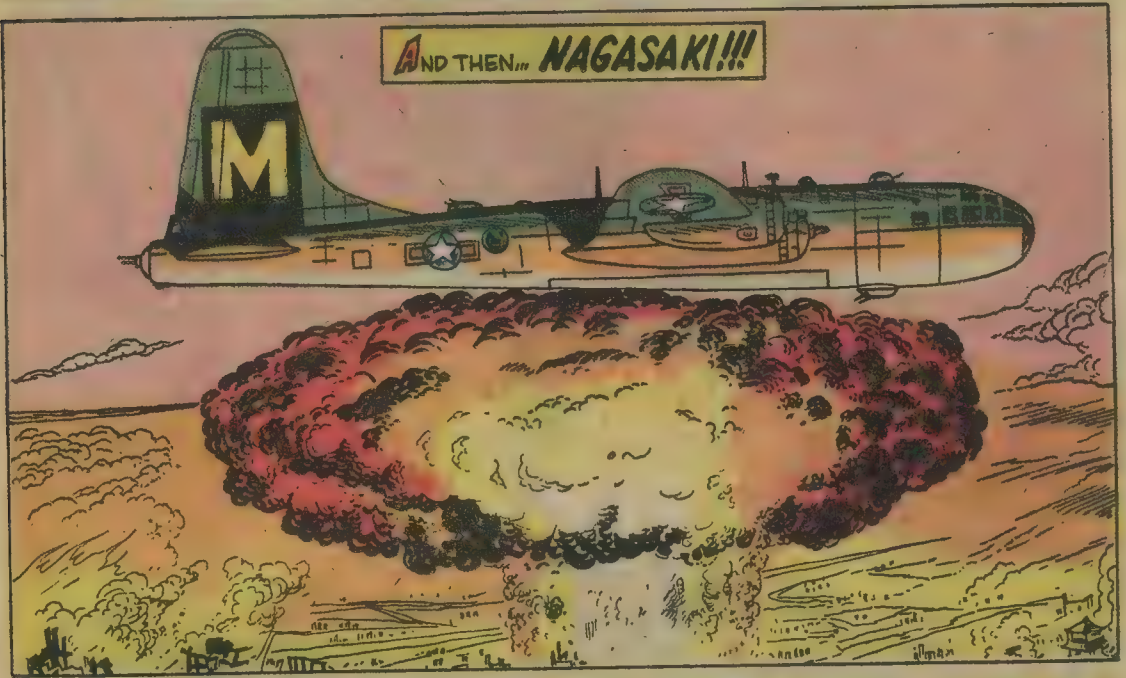
AND IN
TOKYO...

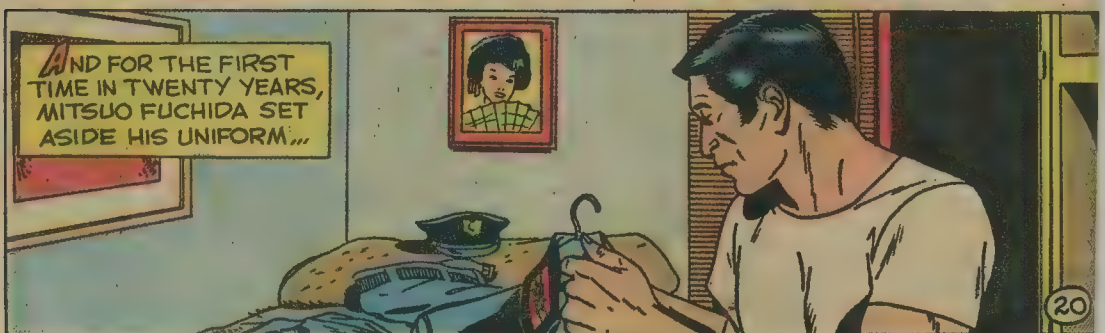
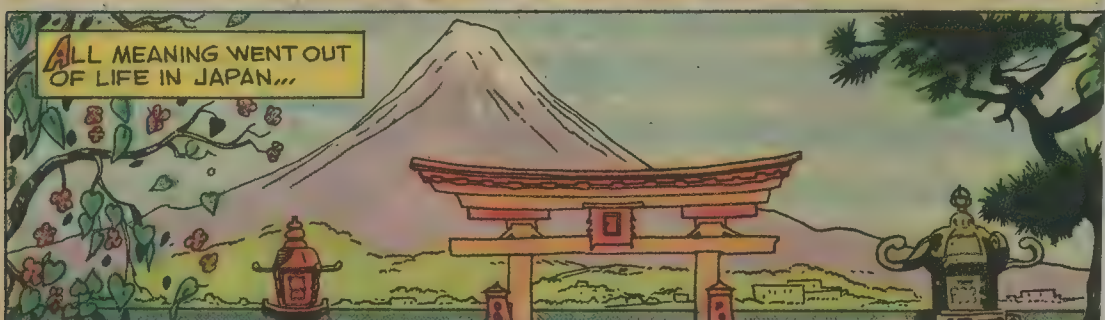
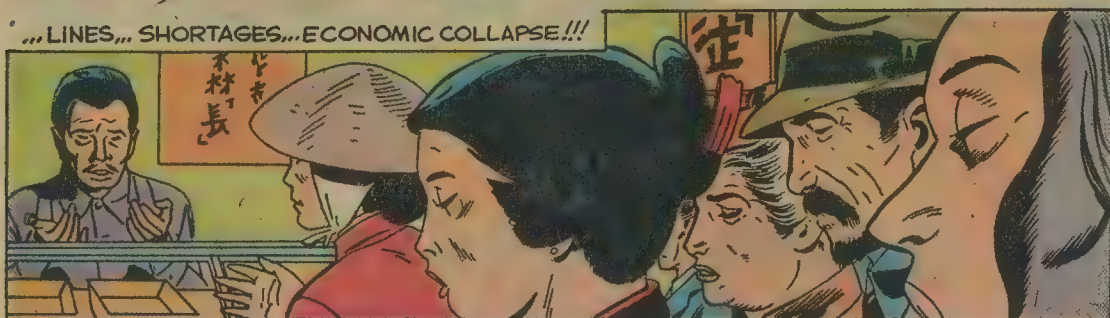
THE REPORTS
FROM HIROSHIMA
ARE STAGGERING
!!!

WHAT
IS THIS
HORROR
FROM THE
SKY
???









HE TRIED TO MAKE
A NEW LIFE ON A
FAMILY FARM...

... BUT EVEN
THAT LIFE WAS
THREATENED!!!

MITSUO
!!!

WERE YOU NOT
PART OF THE TEAM
THAT INSPECTED
THE DESTRUCTION
AT HIROSHIMA
???

YES...

TOKYO TIMES

ALL THESE MEN
COMPLAIN OF STRANGE
SYMPTOMS...

...THAT
BAFFLE
THE
DOCTORS
!!!

TOKYO TIMES

WE BELIEVE
IT IS SOME KIND
OF RADIATION
FROM THE
BOMB...

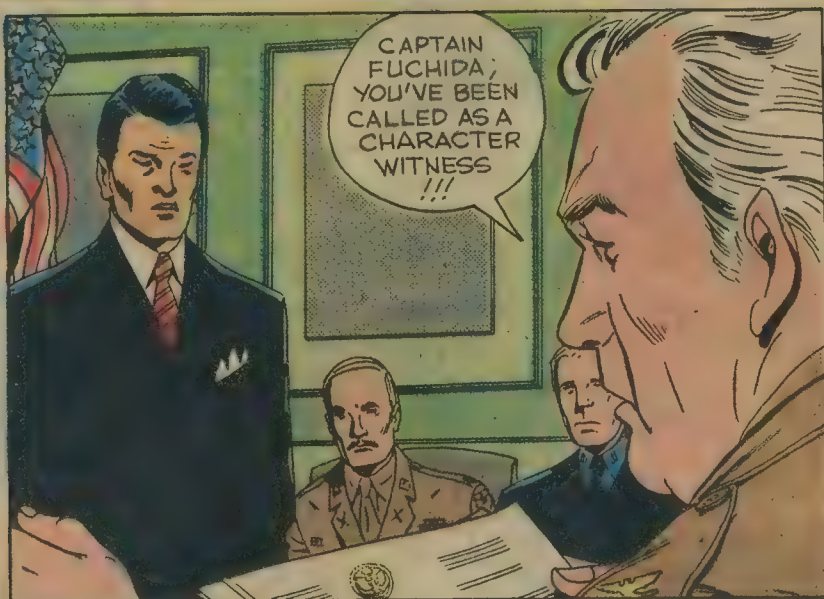


EVENTUALLY, OF THE 13 MEN WHO INSPECTED HIROSHIMA, 12 DIED!!! ONLY MITSUO REMAINED ALIVE!!!

WHY HAVE I BEEN SPARED THIS MYSTERIOUS DEATH???

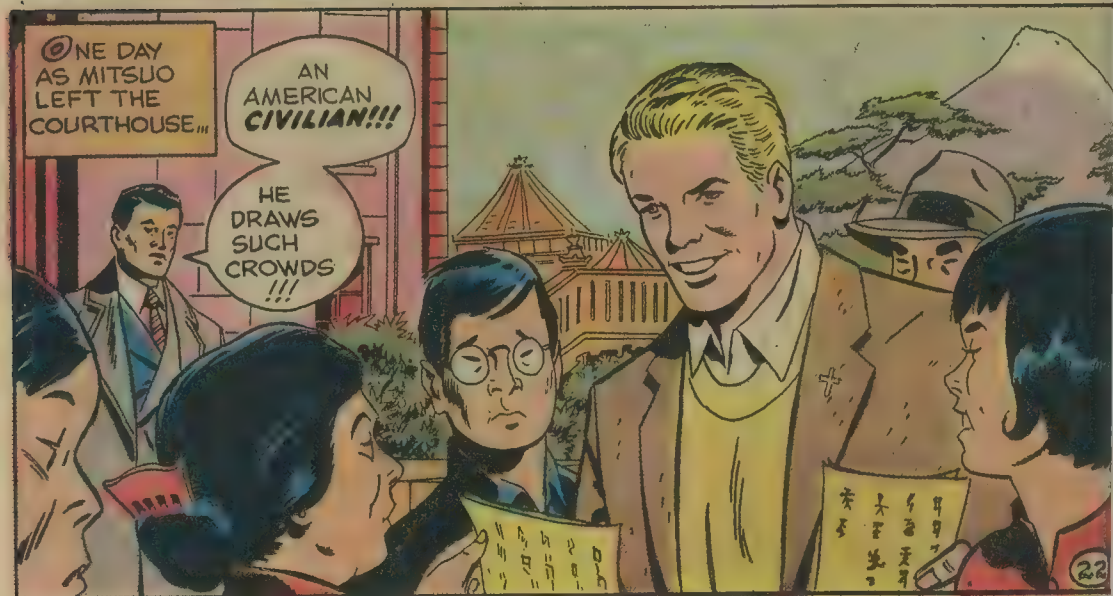
WHY???

MITSUO WAS TO FIND HIS ANSWER IN TOKYO...



CAPTAIN FUCHIDA, YOU'VE BEEN CALLED AS A CHARACTER WITNESS!!!

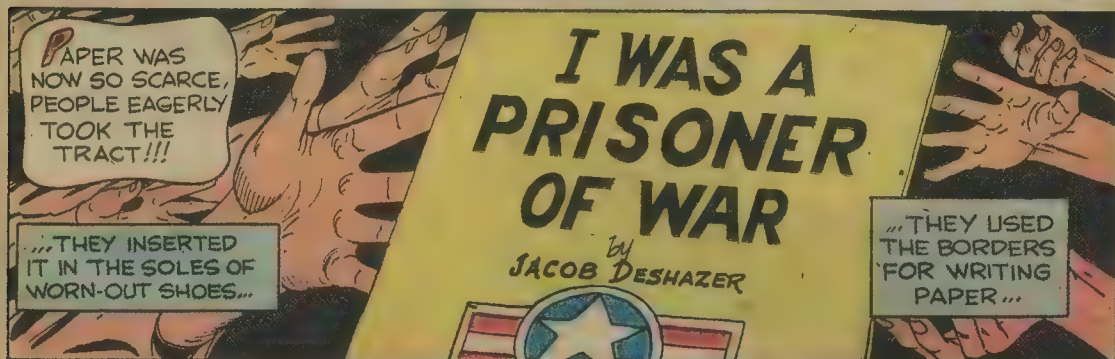
THE WAR CRIMES TRIALS HAD BEGUN!!!

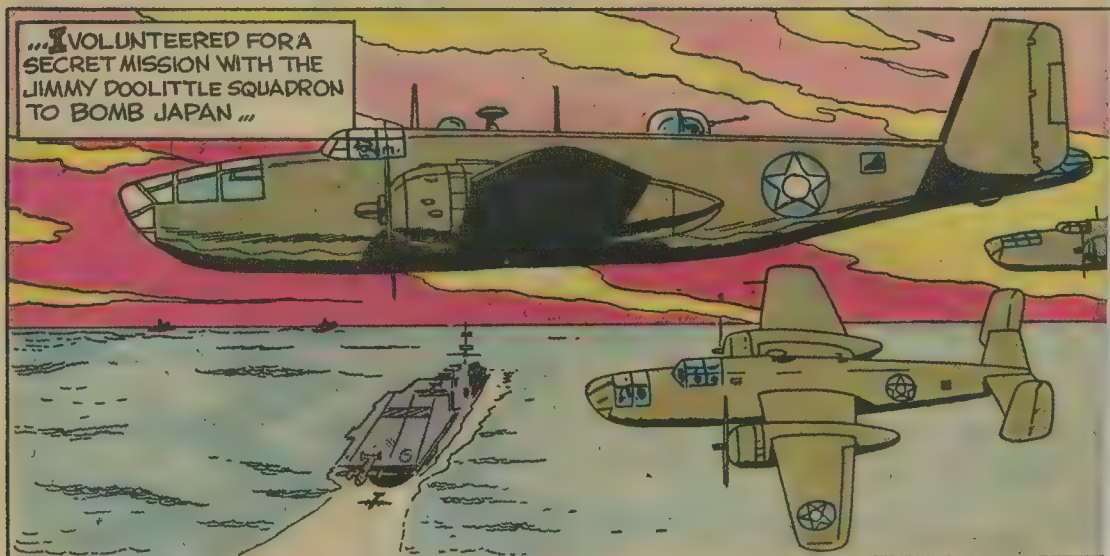
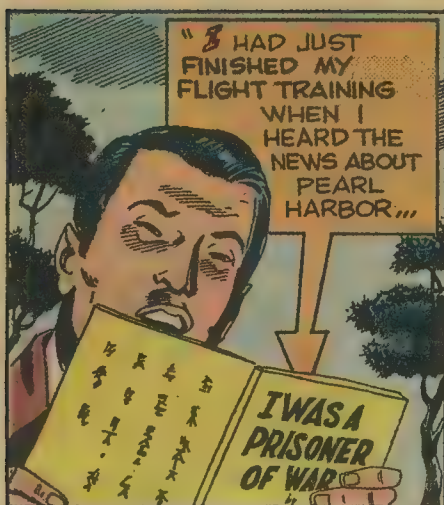


ONE DAY AS MITSUO LEFT THE COURTHOUSE...

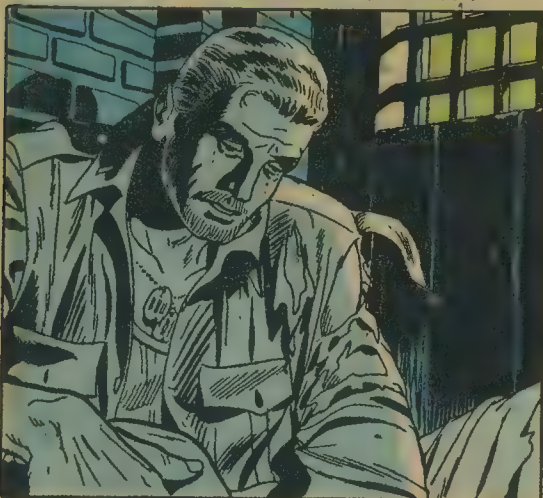
AN AMERICAN CIVILIAN!!!

HE DRAWS SUCH CROWDS!!!





...I SPENT 40 LONG MONTHS AS A PRISONER OF WAR... 34 OF THEM IN SOLITARY!!!



...I WAS STARVED AND TORTURED, BUT MY HATRED FOR THE ENEMY WAS AN EVEN GREATER TYRANNY!

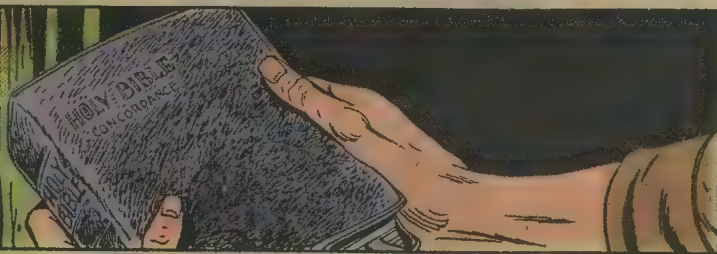


...AFTER ONE OF MY FELLOW PRISONERS DIED OF STARVATION, MY HATRED NEARLY PROVE ME CRAZY !!!



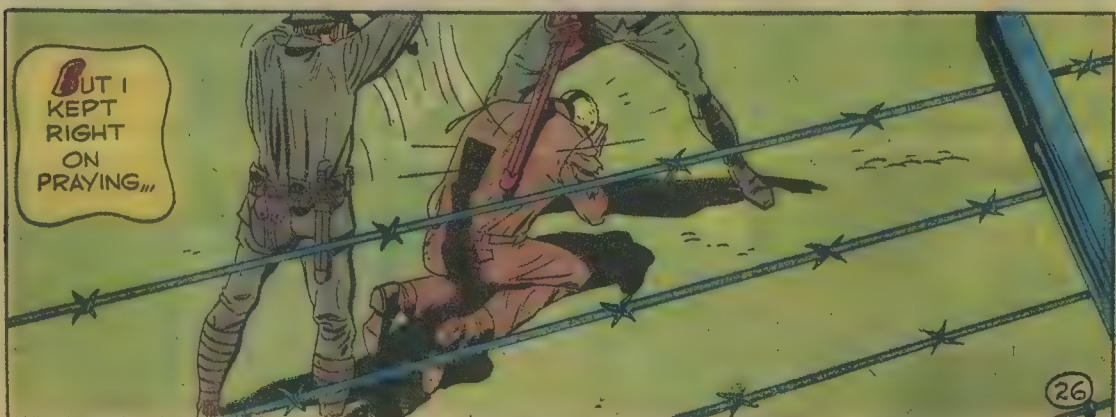
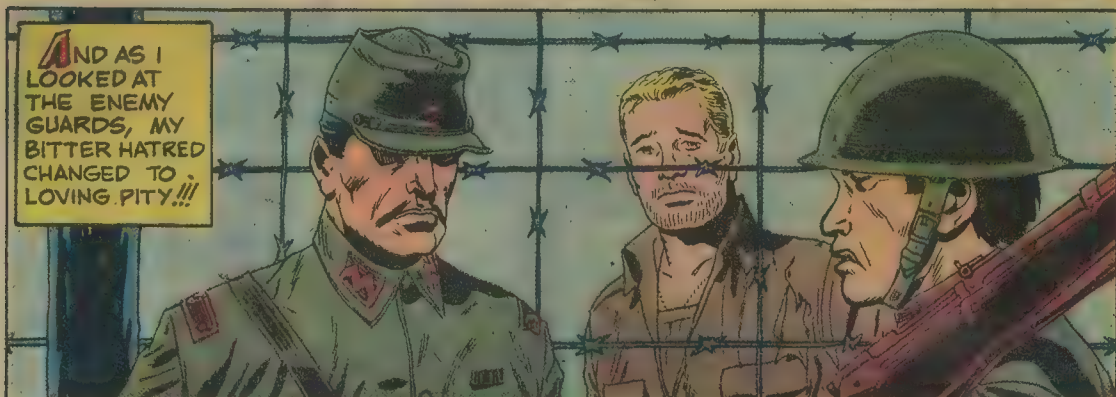
...AND THEN I RECALLED ALL I HAD HEARD ABOUT CHRIST CHANGING HATE INTO LOVE !!!

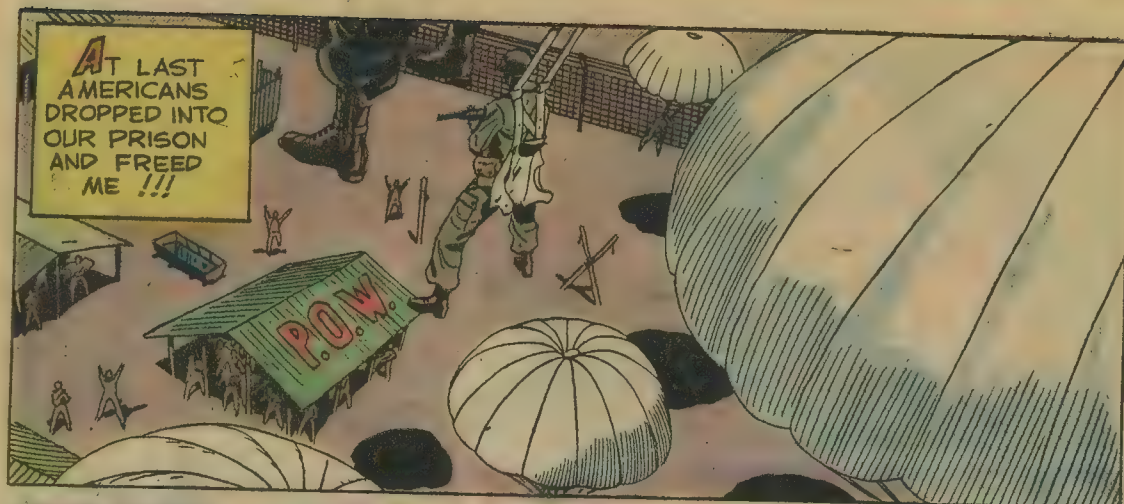
...I PLEADED WITH MY CAPTORS FOR MONTHS, AND FINALLY GOT MY HANDS ON A BIBLE!!!



...AND GOD GAVE ME NEW SPIRITUAL EYES !!!







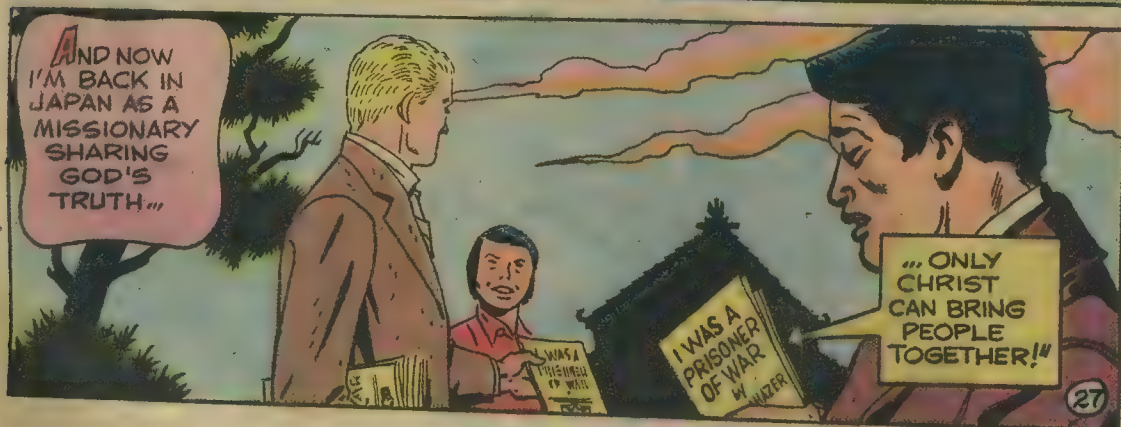
AT LAST
AMERICANS
DROPPED INTO
OUR PRISON
AND FREED
ME !!!



I WAS
FLOWN
BACK TO
AMERICA
!!!

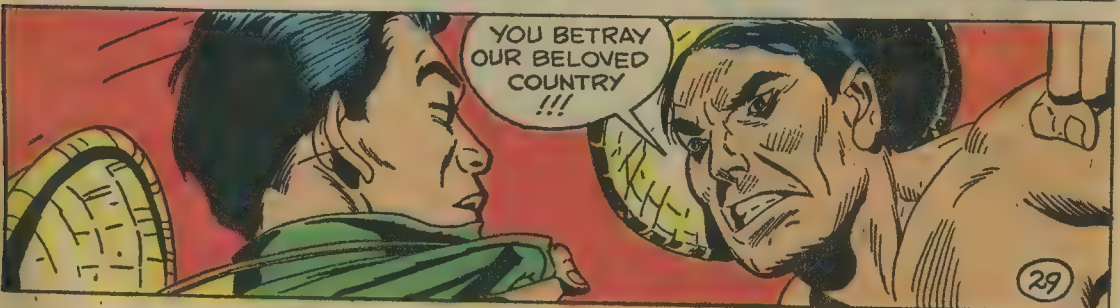
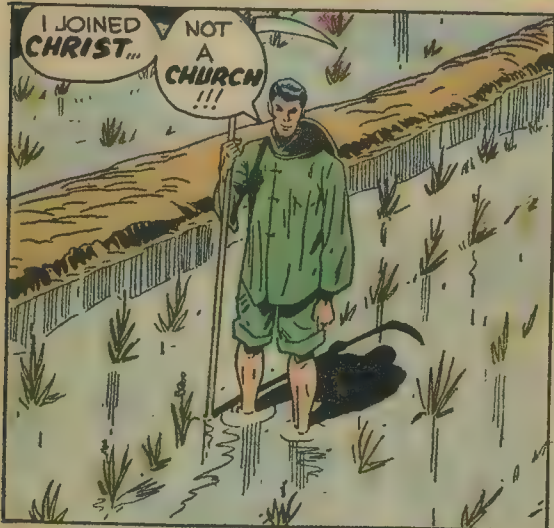
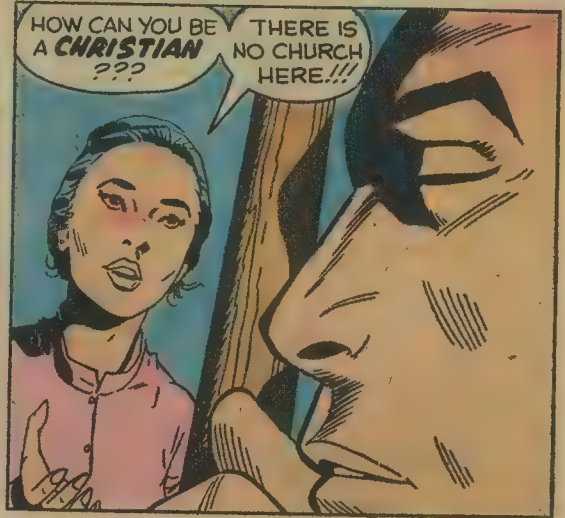
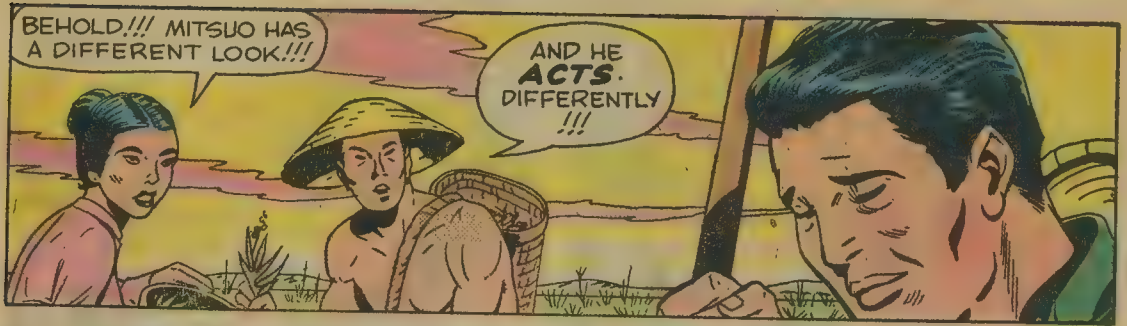


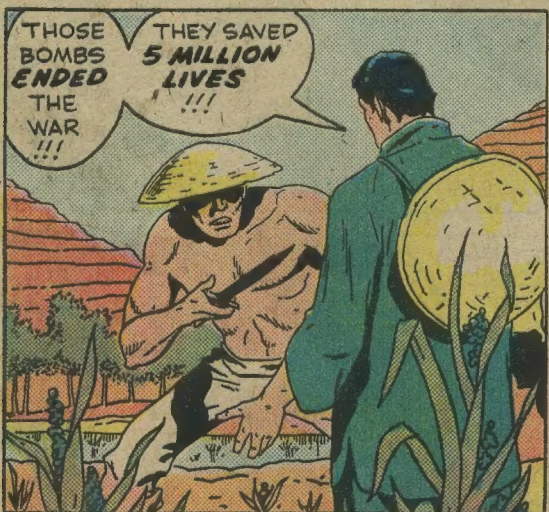
AND
SLOWLY
REGAINED
MY
STRENGTH
!!!

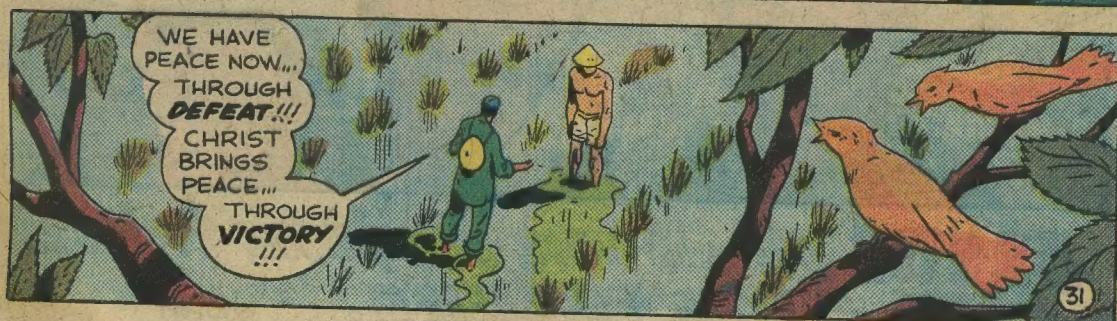


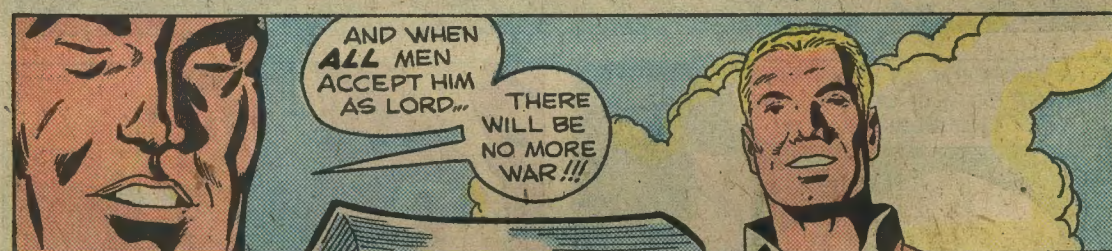
AND NOW
I'M BACK IN
JAPAN AS A
MISSIONARY
SHARING
GOD'S
TRUTH...

...ONLY
CHRIST
CAN BRING
PEOPLE
TOGETHER!!









JESUS SAYS: *I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE.* JOHN 14:6

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THERE'S A
NEW
WORLD
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the CROSS and the
Switch Blade

THROUGH
GATES OF
SPLENDOR

Archie's
CLEAN SLATE!

The
Gospel
Blimp

Archie's
ONE WAY

In the
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of Mine
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LANDRY
AND THE
DALLAS COWBOYS
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